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MODULATION OF VASCULAR STRUCTURE AND/OR FUNCTION

## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.56 AND §1.97

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure imposed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 to inform the Patent Office of all references coming to the attention of Applicants or attorneys for Applicants which are or may be material to the patentability of any claim of the subject application, Attorneys for Applicants hereby direct the Examiner's attention to the references AA-CH listed on the attached revised form PTO 1449. A copy of each of the identified references is enclosed herewith.

Identification of the listed references is not to be construed an admission of Applicants or Attorneys for Applicants that such references are available as "prior art" against the subject application. Consequently, Applicants respectfully decline to use form PTO-1449, since this form identifies all of the references cited therein as "Prior Art." As an alternative, Applicants submit herewith a "revised form PTO 1449" entitled "List of References Cited by Applicant" instead of "List of Prior Art Cited."

Applicants request that the Examiner review all the references identified on the attached revised PTO Form 1449 and make them of record in the file history of the aboveidentified application.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3), since this information disclosure statement is believed to be filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits, no fee is due in connection herewith. However, should the Patent Office determine otherwise, please charge the required fee to Pennie & Edmonds LLP deposit account no. 16-1150; a duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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